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Congressional and Intergovernmental:

Congressional Outreach on Administrator's Visit to Durango: Brent Maier shared today's HQ press release regarding the Administrator's visit to Durango, CO with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representative Ann Kirkpatrick as well as Coconino County and the City of Page, AZ.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier received from Nick Matiella in the Senator's DC office a PDF copy of a letter that Senator John McCain sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing serious concern about the Gold King Mine spill and seeking information on how the EPA intends to address its impact on communities in northern Arizona. A copy of the letter is available upon request.

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1): A call was held today with Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff for the Congresswoman who regarding potential impacts to Lake Powell. Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla and Harry Allen along with OPA's Kelly Zito and Bill Keener and Chief of Staff Jessica Kao participated in this call. We provided an update on the monitoring efforts underway and addressed Carmen Gallus' questions regarding Lake Powell and let her know what EPA efforts are underway to address concerns at Lake Powell. In addition, the Congresswoman has sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing concerns about the Gold King Mine release and impacts on Navajo Nation, Northern Arizona, and Lake Powell.

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Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry today from James Peterson, Environmental Counsel in the Senator's DC office who called about the Administrator's statement issued today following the Gold King Mine release regarding ongoing field work by EPA at other mines at that Regional Administrators were instructed to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. James wanted to know how many current mines in California that EPA is involved in cleanup operations and whether any of these pose the potential risk such as the Gold King Mine situation. James also would like to know whether EPA is reaching out to other California Resource Agency's to see whether the State of California is also undertaking a review of mine cleanup operations they may be involved in as well. Brent Maier will reach out to John Hillenbrand to see whether we can provide James Peterson with any updated information following the issuance of today's statement by the Administrator.

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